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CAN HE KEEP ITALY'S GOAL CLEAN IN FACE OF ENGLAND'S ATTACK?

GEORGE PENZO, Italy's goalkeeper, who will again face England's sharpshooters in a World Cup match tomorrow. This is the second replay of the Italy-England First Round tie, which has been drawn twice.

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MELBOURNE SPORTS DEPOT

How They Stand in Sydney

Canterbury - Marrickville scored two goals in the last minutes to take a point from undefeated leader Prague in a 2-all draw.

	W.	D.	L	F.	A.	P.
Prague . . .	19	2	0	94	29	40
APIA	16	4	3	64	31	36
Corrimal . .	15	3	4	40	32	33
Hakoah . . .	11	5	6	47	34	27
Canterbury .	12	2	9	52	39	26
Syd.-Aus. . .	9	5	8	38	41	23
Auburn . . .	8	5	9	60	58	21
G'ville** . .	7	9	5	39	28	19
North Side .	5	8	9	34	46	18
Granville . .	5	7	10	49	51	17
Budapest .	7	3	13	52	76	17
Balgownie .	4	5	13	37	55	13
Bankstown .	3	4	15	31	73	10
Concord . .	2	2	19	31	84	6

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CUP DEADLOCK MUST BE DECIDED SUNDAY

Australia-Poland Replay Also Set For This Week-end

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The World Cup match between Italy and England, which began on May 17, hasn't finished yet.

These teams drew 0-0 in their first thriller, and stalemated again 1-1 in the crowd-pleasing replay on August 2.

Unless the match reaches a decision this week, it will delay the series to such an extent that the name of the competition may be changed from the Laidlaw World Cup to the Laidlaw Christmas Cup.

The Sunday International Committee has decided that extra time will be played if necessary, but with two such evenly matched sides, it may be wise for the Committee to consider the advisability, before tomorrow's replays commence, of allow-corner kicks forced during extra time to count in the case of further draws.

ROCK OF ITALY

GIO ("The Rock") FRANGIONE will again be Italy's pivot tomorrow —the obstruction upon which many an England attack will founder.

AUSTRALIA PLEASES

Tomorrow's first match, which kicks off at 1.30 p.m., will be the replay of last week's drawn quarter-final between Australia and Poland.

Australia's youthful team, stiffened by veteran Angus Drennan, surprised and pleased last Sunday with a dashing crowd-rouser to draw 1-1 with the classy and experienced Poland side.

Their bustling tactics won the major part of the attack, and steadier and more accurate shooting when they made the openings could have won them the match.

If this young team can be kept together, it could create a notable record in World Cup soccer.

Poland has everything a team needs except one or two first-timing sharpshooters. The tentative approach of the forwards to the net once they are in the penalty area makes it possible for defenders to bustle them off the ball, and is becoming a fatal habit.

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TEAMS

ITALY	ENGLAND
Penzo	Hobson
Vitti	Henderson
Picinich	Hartley
Marini	Innard
Guardiani	Reid
Gennari	Williamson
Bottari	Barker
Frangione	Grigg
Saico	Perkins
Trentini	Morris
Cubero	Oxton
Plateo	Hodgson
Molinaro	Tomblyn
Zavatier	Oughton

POLAND	AUSTRALIA
Terlikowski	Mannering
Skiba	Suttie
Jakubowski	Matthews
Szczepanski	Denny
Zablocki	Hateley
Ullbrycht	Stewart
Janczyk	Petherick
Zerger	Drennan
Gasior	Mackie
Walo	Bedford
Szygalski	Armstrong
Dronia	Smith
Czerkaski	James
Kendt	Glover

Veteran for Italy

BEPPI PLATEO is expected to appear in Italy's forward line when it plays England at Olympic Park this Sunday.

OLYMPIC GAMES TEST FOR MELBOURNE?

The first match of Australia's two qualifying rounds for the Olympic Games Tournament, in which its opponent is Indonesia, may be played in Melbourne late in October.

It was revealed at this week's State Council meeting that the Australian Soccer Association has been exploring the possibility of securing Olympic Park as a venue for the match.

The return game would be played in Indonesia six to eight weeks later, but exact dates have not yet been established between the two football bodies, and firm arrangements for a venue cannot be made at this stage.

A meeting of the Australian Council will take place in Melbourne on September 12 to consider and finalise plans for the Indonesian visit.

SUDDEN DEATH OF RICHMOND OFFICIAL

Mr. Heinrich F. Lange, an official of the Richmond-Allemannia Soccer Club, collapsed and died of a sudden heart attack last Sunday morning.

Mr. Lange was walking with his son, Richmond player Dieter Lange, when the seizure occurred, and he died within 15 minutes.

He was only 53 years old at the time of his death. He came to Australia alone during the war, and, after a 15-year separation, he had only been reunited with his family three years ago.

He had never been seriously ill and had attended Richmond's match last Saturday, and a social gathering that evening.

As one of Richmond's most valued committeemen, he will be sadly missed.

SUSPENSION OF BOZ EASED

An appeal to the State Council by Juventus wing-half Ermes Boz against the severity of his four-match suspension was dismissed this week.

However, the Council ruled that, since Boz was a regular member of Italy's World Cup team, any match played by Italy during the period involved would be included in the suspension.

Since Italy plays this week, this ruling in effect will reduce the player's suspension by one week.

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A few weeks ago, we told you about the South American referee who keeps an old army tank near the touchline as a handy refuge in case of trouble. Leading Argentinian referee Livio Bonnelli has another unique idea. He is seen by the fans to be blond, with a small moustache. In the dressing room, the blond wig and moustache are removed, and would-be trouble-makers who see a dark, clean-shaven man leave the rooms are left waiting .. . and waiting . . . for that so-and-so blond.

★ ★ ★

When an EDINBURGH SELECT side defeated NEWCASTLE UNITED 4-3 in a friendly recently, two of the scorers for the winners were left wing half John Cumming and centre-forward Willie Bauld, two of the stars of the HEARTS' recent Australian tour. Experts say that Cummings will be Scotland's wing-half for a long time to come.

★ ★ ★

It's not generally known that top-ranking Italian tennis star PIETRANGELI, who has represented his country on many occasions in recent years, was formerly a first division soccer player in Rome.

★ ★ ★

BURNLEY have transferred their ENGLAND Under 23 inside-forward ALBERT CHEESEBOROUGH to LEICESTER CITY for a fee reported to be in the vicinity of £15,000.

★ ★ ★

Maltese player TONY SPITERI, who is with PRAGUE-SYDNEY is a real utility player. He is a goalkeeper, but gets very few opportunities in a club that has international RON LORD as No. 1 'keeper. But he has deputised for Ron when needed, filled the centre-forward berth while Baumgartner was out injured, and last week he played the left-wing in place of injured Erich Schwartz. Pretty useful fellow, Tony.

★ ★ ★

One of the most colourful personalities in DUTCH soccer for the past two seasons has been ebony-coloured centre-forward STEVE MAKONA of ALMELO F.C. Originally from South Africa, Makona was Holland's top scorer in 1958, and runner-up to the top scorer in 1957. The Dutch club released him recently, laying down one condition—that he would sign only for a club in the United Kingdom. CARDIFF CITY is the lucky club that got him.

★ ★ ★

ASTON VILLA is still spending prodigally in their plan to make a quick return to the First Division. Latest acquisition is JIMMY McEWAN, the DUNDEE lad who has starred on the right wing for RAITH ROVERS for several seasons. It's understood that the transfer fee was around £10,000.

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THREE N.S.W. CLUBS SUSPENDED

Out for Balance of Season

The Judiciary Committee of the New South Wales Soccer Federation suspended three clubs until the end of the season last week.

They are Second Division club Pan Hellenic, and Third Division clubs Juventus and Fairfield.

Pan Hellenic players and supporters were allegedly involved in a brawl after their match with Corinthians at Jubilee Oval, in which the referee and linesmen were attacked.

A match between the other two clubs, Juventus and Fairfield, ended in a melee at Liverpool.

Pan Hellenic's captain, Theo Pavlidis, who allegedly assaulted Referee MacHugh, was suspended for three years.

Appeals are pending with the Federation Leagues Management Committee.

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OLYMPIC PARK FIXTURES

Saturday, August 29—
Polonia v. Wilhelmina.
Sunday, August 30—
Italy v. England, 3 p.m.
Poland v. Australia, 1.30 p.m.

Charges, Ban for Sydney Fan

A spectator who allegedly caused a brawl after the APIA-Granville Reserves match will be charged with assault and disturbing the peace, and will be banned from Lambert Park in future.

Granville player Jim Stevenson was kicked as he walked toward the dressing rooms and a melee broke out between a group of spectators, and players and officials who were trying to quell the trouble.

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Juventus Player Suspended

Juventus wing-half, Ermes Boz, was suspended for four matches for having allegedly punched George Cross player J. Falzon on Sunday, August 16.

A charge of having kicked Falzon was not sustained when George Cross witnesses stated that Boz was not the culprit.

Charges of retaliation against Falzon were dismissed. The Desciplinary Committee stated that evidence showed that Falzon was underneath Boz during the incident, and that Falzon was forced to defend himself against a determined assault.

The Chairman said that Boz's good record over a period of years had weighed heavily in his favour when the penalty was assessed.

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Still a Force in Local Soccer

SYD THOMAS, Hakoah captain and right wing-half, who has represented Australia and Victoria on numerous occasions, is always one of the best and hardest workers afield whenever he appearrs. He. was partly responsible for Scotland's success against Malta last Sunday.

WILHELMINA WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Juventus Should Have Won Decider

Wilhelmina clinched the State League championship last Saturday by beating Juventus 2-1 in a rugged, exciting game at Hawthorn.

Juventus earned more chances to score than the Dutchmen and should have won, but its forwards beat themselves by crowding and scrambling in front of goal.

By contrast, the winners were more purposeful and gave themselves more room to manoeuvre when in their opponents' penalty area.

Again Juventus proved that they can match any team in the league—except in the "finishing department."

Figures back this contention, too. The only teams that have scored less goals than Juventus are the four teams at the bottom of the league, and Polonia, sixth.

NEEDLES SHOWING

Being a vital decider, the match was played in all-out Cup style, and the "needles" were showing early in the first half.

There were times when sterner measures could have been applied by referee Tardif, but, with so much at stake, he was obviously unwilling to use the whistle too much or handicap either side.

He was extremely fair in the addition of extra time—3 minutes at the end of the first half, and 5 minutes after full time.

Net repairs caused most of the "time on" in the first half, but much of the extra time at the end of the second half was apparently granted to replace minutes lost in Wilhelmina's obvious time-wasting tactics in the last 15 minutes of the game.

The long list of chances missed by Juventus was topped off at 84 minutes by Frangione's failure to score from the penalty spot—he booted the ball straight into Jannsen's welcoming arms.

SLAVIA'S NEW CHANCE

The failure of Juventus while Slavia was earning points from Yarra Park gives Slavia another chance, a slim one, of getting into the Four.

Only three points separate them now. If Juventus fails to take a point from either Polonia or Wilhelmina in its last two fixtures, and if Slavia wins from both Moreland and Yarra Park—and both of these "ifs" are possible—then Slavia could replace Juventus in the play-offs.

Moving into second place after beating Moreland, Hakoah still has a theoretical chance of nosing Wilhelmina out of the premiership, but it's a 1,000-to-1 long shot, about as likely to happen as the possibility of Jack Skolnik stripping for today's match against Footscray.

George Cross gave up its last chance for the flag by dropping a point to Polonia in an unimpressive performance by both teams.

RELEGATION WIDE OPEN

Bob Wemyss again showed his ability to "lift" a weak side when he led Footscray to victory over J.U.S.T.

Footscray's win and Geelong's draw with Box Hill levelled the teams on points, and the question of which club will be demoted with Yarra Park is thrown wide open.

Footscray meets J.U.S.T. again and Hakoah in the last two rounds. Geelong also meets J.U.S.T., and must repeat its joust with Box Hill.

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LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

Footscray d. J.U.S.T., 1-0.
Hakoah d. Moreland, 2-0.
Slavia d. Yarra Park, 12-0.
George Cross drew Polonia, 1-1.
Wilhelmina d. Juventus, 1-0.
Geelong drew Box Hill, 1-1.

State League Reserves

Footscray, d. J.U.S.T., 2-0.
Hakoah drew Moreland, 2-2.
Slavia d. Yarra Park, w/o.
Polonia d. George Cross, 3-0.
Juventus d. Wilhelmina, 4-3.
Geelong d. Box Hill, 2-0.

DOCKERTY CUP

Fourth Round

Croatia d. South Melbourne, 3-1.
Melbourne d. Moorabbin City, 8-3.
Lions/Hayduk d. Yallourn, 3-0.
Dandenong d. Sunshine City, 2-0.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

First Division

Preston d. Sicilia, 3-0.
Corio d. Brunswick, w/o.

Second Division

Collingwood d. Essendon, 2-0.
Williamstown d. Fiorentina, 2-1.
Moonee Ponds d. St. Albans, 2-1.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

First Division

Richmond d. Prahran, 5-1.

Second Division

Bayswater d. Ferntree Gully 2-1.
Frankston d. Sandringham, 3-2.
F.N.D. d. Oakleigh, w/o.

METROPOLITAN RESERVES

First Division North

No matches.

First Division South

Richmond d. Prahran, 6-2.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Seymour d. Bendigo, 3-2.

WORLD CUP

Australia drew Poland, 1-1.
Scotland d. Malta, 4-1.

This Week

STATE LEAGUE

State League Reserves.

Geelong v. J.U.S.T.
Footcray v. Hakoah.
Moreland v. Slavia.
Yarra Park v. George Cross.
Polonia v. Wilhelmina.
Juventus v. Box Hill.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

First Division.

Maccabi v. Corio.
Preston v. Hellenic.
Sunshine City v. Sicilia.
Lyons-Hayduk v. Coburg.
Croatia v. Brunswick.

Second Division.

Moonee Ponds v. Williamstown
Heidelberg v. St. Albans.
Fairfield v. University.
Essendon v. I.C.I.
Collingwood v. Fiorentina.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

South Yarra v. Richmond.
Vic. Police v. Melbourne.
Park Rangers v. Yallourn.
Brighton v. Dandenong.
Sth. Melbourne v. Prahran.

Second Division.

Rosebud v. F.N.D.
Sandringham v. Croydon.
Austria v. Frankston.
Bayswater v. Moorabbin.

FIRST NORTH RESERVES

Coburg v. Sandringham.
University v. Lions-Hayduk.
Fiorentina v. Preston.
Hellenic v. Maccabi.
Frankston v. Sunshine City.

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES

Richmond v. South Yarra.
Yallourn v. Park Rangers.
Dandenong v. Brighton.
Prahran v. South Melbourne.
Melbourne—Bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Bendigo v. Norlane Olympia.
Melita v. Seymour.
Olympia v. North Richmond.
Hollandia v. Trident.

TOMORROW

Sunday International

Olympic Park.

ITALY v. ENGLAND.
AUSTRALIA v. POLAND

NEXT WEEK

DOCKERTY CUP

FIFTH ROUND

Croatia v. Wilhelmina.
George Cross v. Footscray-Capri.
Melbourne v. Yarra Park.
Slavia v. Hakoah.
J.U.S.T. v. Dandenong City.
Juventus v. Polonia.
Box Hill v. Lions/Hayduk.
Moreland v. Geelong.

STATE LEAGUE

No matches.

STATE LEAGUE RES.

(From 30/5/59)

Moreland v. Hakoah.
Juventus v. Wilhelmina.
Yarra Park v. Slavia.
Box Hill v. Geelong.
Footscray v. J.U.S.T.
Polonia v. George Cross.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

First Division.

Hellenic v. Maccabi.
Coburg v. Sunshine City.
Sicilia v. Preston.
Brunswick v. Corio.

Second Division.

St. Albans v. Moonee Ponds.
Collingwood v. Essendon.
I.C.I. v. Fairfield.
University v. Heidelberg.
Fiorentina v. Williamstown.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

South Melbourne v. Brighton.
Yallourn v. Vic. Police.
Prahran v. Richmond.

Second Division.

Croydon v. Rosebud.
Ferntree Gully v. Bayswater.
Moorabbin v. Austria.
Frankston v. Sandringham.

First Division Reserves.

(NORTH)

Lions/Hayduk v. Coburg.
Frankston v. Hellenic.
Maccabi v. Fiorentina.
Preston v. University.
Sunshine City v. Sandringham.

SOUTH)

South Yarra v. Melbourne.
Brighton v. South Melbourne.
Park Rangers v. Dandenong.
Richmond v. Prahran.
Yallourn, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

Norlane Olympia v. Madedonia.
Hollandia v. Olympia.
North Richmond v. Melita.
Seymour v. Bendigo.

STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	P.
Wilhelmina	20	16	2	2	82	33	34
Hakoah	20	14	2	4	49	25	30
George Cross	20	12	5	3	51	26	29
Juventus	20	12	4	4	43	21	28
Slavia	20	10	5	5	48	28	25
Polonia	20	8	7	5	35	27	23
Moreland	20	8	2	10	54	37	18
Box Hill	20	5	3	12	21	52	13
J.U.S.T.	20	6	4	10	48	42	16
Geelong	20	3	4	13	27	51	10
Footscray	20	2	6	12	28	64	10
Yarra Park	20	1	2	17	27	107	4

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

NORTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Lions-Hayduk	14	11	1	2	46	12	23
Preston	14	10	2	2	47	14	22
Croatia	14	10	2	2	42	20	22
Sunshine City	14	8	0	6	34	27	16
Sicilia	15	6	2	7	38	27	14
Maccabi	15	6	1	8	31	42	13
Coburg	14	4	4	6	27	32	12
Hellenic	15	5	1	9	28	34	11
Corio	15	5	1	9	18	35	11
Brunswick	14	0	0	14	7	75	0

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Fiorentina	14	10	1	3	41	13	22
University	15	9	3	3	40	24	21
Moonee Ponds	13	10	0	3	35	17	20
Essendon	15	8	0	7	27	26	16
St. Albans	15	6	1	8	28	34	13
Williamstown	15	5	2	8	23	33	12
I.C.I.	15	5	2	8	31	44	12
Fairfield	14	4	3	7	28	26	11
Heidelberg	15	4	2	9	20	46	10
Collingwood	15	4	1	10	27	37	9

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Norlane-Olympia	15	10	3	2	49	23	23
North Richmond	14	9	4	1	57	22	22
Seymour	14	9	3	2	34	17	21
Makedonia	15	8	2	5	30	23	18
Olympia	14	8	1	5	33	22	17
Trident	14	7	3	4	33	27	17
Melita	15	5	2	8	26	41	12
Bendigo	13	3	3	7	25	34	9
Hollandia	15	2	0	13	29	51	4
Yarraville	15	0	1	14	3	59	1

TABLES COMPILED
by
STUART BEATON
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SOUTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Melbourne	14	13	1	0	87	18	27
Richmond	14	10	1	3	58	16	21
Yallourn	14	9	1	4	50	31	19
South Melbourne	13	8	1	4	36	20	17
Brighton	13	7	1	5	33	25	15
Dandenong	13	5	1	7	41	43	11
South Yarra	14	4	1	9	26	47	9
Prahran	15	3	2	10	21	60	8
Park Rangers	14	3	0	11	23	66	6
Vic. Police	14	1	3	10	18	67	5

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Sandringham	15	12	2	1	42	24	26
Frankston	15	10	2	3	51	27	22
Austria	14	8	2	4	51	34	18
Oakleigh	15	6	4	5	24	15	16
Moorabbin	14	5	3	6	30	40	13
Bayswater	15	5	3	7	31	41	13
Rosebud	15	6	0	9	28	39	12
F.N.D.	14	5	2	7	29	43	12
Ferntree Gully	14	4	0	10	38	33	8
Croydon	15	3	0	12	26	54	6

HOW THEY STAND

State League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Wilhelmina	17	13	2	2	60	19	28
Hakoah	15	11	2	2	45	20	24
Geelong	17	9	1	7	37	23	21
Juventus	16	9	2	5	40	23	20
Polonia	17	8	4	5	26	21	20
J.U.S.T.	16	8	1	7	58	29	17
Moreland	17	6	5	6	29	25	17
Box Hill	16	7	1	8	36	33	15
George Cross	17	5	3	9	25	41	13
Footscray	17	6	1	10	22	40	13
Slavia	17	3	3	11	29	53	9
Yarra Park	16	0	1	15	3	83	1

First Division Reserves (North)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Sunshine City	15	11	2	2	41	17	24
Lions-Hayduk	15	11	1	3	44	18	23
Fiorentina	15	9	2	4	43	23	20
Frankston	15	8	3	4	45	29	19
Preston	15	7	3	5	45	28	17
Maccabi	15	7	2	6	52	34	16
Coburg	15	7	2	6	30	33	16
Hellenic	15	4	0	11	26	51	8
Sandringham	15	3	0	12	18	48	6
University	15	0	1	14	7	80	1

First Division Reserves (South)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Melbourne	15	13	1	1	77	20	27
Richmond	15	12	2	1	54	20	26
Dandenong	15	8	3	4	40	27	19
Park Rangers	15	8	1	6	26	31	17
Brighton	15	7	2	6	34	30	16
Yallourn	15	5	5	5	37	44	15
South Melbourne	15	6	1	8	34	42	13
South Yarra	15	5	1	9	28	44	11
Prahran	15	3	0	12	17	89	6

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FIRST DIVISION NORTH

FIGHT FOR PENNANT GETTING HOTTER

One Point Separates Three Clubs

Preston evened up the number of matches played when it met and beat Sicilia 3-0 last week, and is now equal on points with Croatia, and one point behind the Lions.

Each of the leaders should win its match today, and with four rounds to go, the pennant winner will probably not be known until the last fixture is played towards the end of September.

The relegation running-mate for doomed Brunswick will also remain undecided for a few weeks.

Maccabi has a golden opportunity to reach safety today by beating Corio. Failure would leave the issue as clouded as before.

TWO STILL IN CUP

Last week's three Dockerty Cup ties provided three surprises. Unfavoured Lions and Croatia both won their matches against Yallourn and South Melbourne United respectively —and won well, too—while highly-favoured Sunshine City flopped 0-2 against Dandenong City.

Hence this division will be well-represented in next week's Cup round-of-sixteen.

Croatia had the misfortune to draw Wilhelmina as its opponent, and although its name came out of the hat first to give it the home venue, Croatia will no doubt find the State League Champions too powerful.

The Lions were luckier, drawing Box Hill, and if their position at the head of FIRST NORTH truly indicates their ability, they have an excellent chance to reach the quarter-finals.

FIRST DIVISION REVIEW

PROMISING DEBUT

In this very spot last week, we mentioned that Richmond's new right-winger Jakob Wekkeli was being promoted to the senior side for its match against Prahran. It's pleasant to relate that he made a very promising debut, scored an extremely clever goal, and will get another chance today against South Yarra.

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

YALLOURN, UNITED CRASH IN CUP

Beaten by First North Leaders

Three recognised "Cup specialists," including two from First South, were knocked out of the Dockerty Cup competition last week, leaving two teams from each section of the First Division to meet State League entrants in the 5th Round next week.

Yallourn and South Melbourne United were unexpectedly but convincingly beaten by First North leaders in Lions and Croatia, while that League's Sunshine City, a consistent quarter-finalist for years, was knocked out 2-0 by Dandenong City.

Melbourne ended the Cup hopes of giant-killer Moorabbin City, and, having drawn at home to Yarra Park in next week's round-of-sixteen, must be considered as a definite quarter-finalist.

Dandenong was not so lucky, being drawn away to J.U.S.T.. Although J.U.S.T. has made poor showings in recent league matches, it is no secret that the club is Cup-hungry, and Dandenong can expect a torrid afternoon next Saturday.

HIGHEST v. LOWEST

Leader Melbourne should eliminate the last theoretical shadow of doubt that may exist about its divisional championship by beating wooden-spooner Victoria Police in today's league match.

Apart from the unlikely possibility of a shock result, the positions of the four teams in the relegation area should remain unchanged after today's round.

Each member of the bottom four meets a member of the top four, and none of the tail-enders is favoured to notch any match points.

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SECOND DIVISION REVIEW

FRANKSTON'S LATE RUN

After Frankston's good display in inflicting Sandringham's first defeat of the season, we felt that the Baysiders could give the flag a shake with a Phar Lap finish. But after looking up their last three opponents —Austria, Rosebud, and Sandringham again—we think they've left their run too late.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

SHOCK WINS KEEP LEAGUE OPEN

Both Ends of Ladder in Doubt

Two shock wins in three matches played last week have thrown the possibilities in Second North wide open again.

It's a very lucky thing for your reviewer that his bread and butter doesn't depend upon correct forecasts in this league, because the teams stubbornly refuse to play either according to his forecasts or their own previous form and figures.

Williamstown, for instance, has taken a battering this year, but turned up trumps to beat Heidelberg 4-1 a fortnight ago, then made it two in a row by beating premiership favourite Fiorentina 2-1 last week!

Then Collingwood decided not to take relegation lying down, and beat Essendon 2-0.

That left Moonee Ponds as the only side which played up to form in last week's games, beating St. Albans by the odd goal in three.

So now we have three teams at the top with only 2 points between them, and five teams at the bottom with 3 points covering the lot.

MOST EVEN LEAGUE

In fact, the 13 points which separate the first team from the last in this league represent by far the smallest top-to-bottom margin in any of the senior leagues, and together with the fact that this division has scoredthe smallest number of wellshared goals, indicates the even nature of the competition.

Moonee Ponds is the main danger to Fiorentina and should remain a threat after today's game with Williamstown—unless the 'Towners pull their third rabbit out of the hat in as many weeks.

After last week's display, Fiorentina may not be safe at Collingwood, but on previous form should win.

University should beat Fairfield, but out-of-form Essendon may be chancy against I.C.I.

Despite last week's failure against Moonee Ponds, St. Albans should take the points today even on Heidelberg's home ground.

FRANKSTON BLASTS 'HAM's RECORD

Inflicts Leader's First League Defeat

By DON SUTHERLAND

Frankston put up an excellent performance last week to inflict Sandringham's first league defeat of the season in one of the best games seen at Hampton this year.

This well-earned victory has considerably enhanced Frankston's promotional prospects, but today's encounter with Austria is still vital.

If Frankston can avenge two earlier defeats by Austria in league and Cup games, promotion will be virtually settled, with Sandringham and Frankston the prize-winners.

If Austria wins today, however, the issue will be wide open with the Austrians, who have easier matches in the final rounds, favoured to displace Frankston.

For the second time in three weeks, Sandringham were let down by selected players, and had to call upon two spectators to fill the gaps. The Hammers' failure to have adequate reserves standing by has seriously endangered their premiership hopes, and a decisive win over the improved Croydon team is needed today to make their position secure at the head of the ladder.

Moorabbin's return to their league fixture against Bayswater will provide them with an easier match than they had last week when they were beaten by First South champions Melbourne in a Cup match.

Incidentally, Moorabbin can draw considerable satisfaction from having penetrated the Hungarian's defence three times — a feat which has been beyond most First Division clubs this year.

Rosebud will be right on their toes against F.N.D. today in a bid to get well clear of the relegation zone, but F.N.D. have similar problems, and the young Tars will give the Bustling Buds plenty of opposition.

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FACTS and FLY-KICKS

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As Perry Como says and sings: "We get letters." Boy, oh Boy, do we get letters! We love the ones that roll in blasting the referee every time the writer's club drops a point or two, and the other standard type that blasts us every time we pick their opponents to win—as though we care who wins. What we particularly wanted to mention in this connection was that we consider it strange that this type of letter is usually signed either "Yours in Sport" or "From a True Sportsman." Well, that, like the quality of Sabrina's uplift, is a matter of opinion.

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Slavia's goalkeeper Ray Barotajs had to go down to the other end of the field to get some action when his team played Yarra Park last Saturday. He took a penalty kick—and converted it, too.

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If your club wants a successful club party, all catered for with good music, good supper, and in first class surroundings, and with somebody else doing all the arranging and worrying, make Sandringham's cabaret dance at the Brighton Town Hall on Saturday night, September 12, YOUR club's turn-out. Your club could even make a profit out of it by pocketing the concessions available for quantity and early bookings. With entry fixed at 15/- a double, this should be the soccer dance of the year. Ring Geoff Dobb at XU 4307 or Len Hayball at XW 7269 if you're interested.

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Referring back to "sportsmanship," we feel that a great deal of that precious commodity has gone out of the game. Here is part of a list of things, offensive to the spirit of sportsmanship, noted at three senior matches in the past two weeks: Incorrect or needless offside appeals, many displays of temper including two assaults and two kickings, pretended fouls in penalty area, many appeals against referee's decisions, referees and linesmen abused by spectators, a great deal of deliberate time-wasting by the team in the lead, kicking the ball away from a free kick or throw-in spot, spitting and punching by spectators as the players leave the field, and two protests entered by the losers quite contrary to the laws of soccer.

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George Cross and all of its supporters and friends will join in the commemoration of Malta's National Day at the club's Annual Ball at the North Melbourne Town Hall next Saturday night, September 5.

J.U.S.T. has advised the Association that player A. Nesic has been suspended indefinitely for not attending training nights and refusing to play with the Reserve team when selected. This player is now ineligible to play in any match until his suspension is officially lifted.

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Extracted from a report from the Geelong Dictrict Association: "Makedonia walked off the ground after they disagreed with a decision of the referee at 85 minutes. Corio II withdrew from the competition. Croatia and DSG II did not appear on the ground." Interesting competition. Never know what's going to happen next!

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Now let's refresh ourselves with a REAL and SPLENDID item of sportsmanship. Essendon was defeated 2-0 by Collingwood last Saturday. Here is Essendon's brief report, sent in via secretary Lindsay Glover: "Although Essendon was well beaten, the game was not without its fire and anxious moments on both sides. Congratulations to Collingwood for their fine performance. We feel they must have been unlucky to have become placed so low on the ladder." Thank you, Essendon. Chivalry in sport is not dead.

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Juventus supporters who complained bitterly about referee Tardif's extra-time allowance at the end of the first half last Saturday should study the laws of soccer.

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A good programme has been lined up for the visit of the St. George Juniors from Sydney, with tours of the Ranges, the Wild Life Sanctuary, and the gigantic electricity installations at Yallourn, plus a film evening. Now, if the Victorian Juniors can arrange to let them win a game or two, the visitors will consider their trip perfect.

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WHY SHOULD AUSTRALIAN BOYS TAKE UP SOCCER?

There Are Lots of Very Good Reasons

says VIC. MANSON

Many people here question the wisdom of introducing Australian boys whether they are indigenous or the the sons of migrants, to soccer football.

It is noticeable that most of the arguments used in this debate, both pro and con, are born out of emotional loyalties rather than objective analysis. The fact remains that there are many valid reasons why Australian boys SHOULD play soccer.

The most powerful reason is that soccer, unlike Rules or Rugby, is a big, glamorous, international sport and business. A soccer champion — again unlike Rules or Rugby — can command big money, and enjoy plenty of travel, anywhere in the world. Soccer, then, offers richer, more satisfying rewards to the proficient player.

And with the worst elements of body contact, which is a feature of other codes, eliminated, soccer offers the star player a longer playing life in which to lay down the foundations of a comfortable future.

HOME OF CHAMPIONS

"But," we are told, "those wonderful things are only the rewards for stars — for champions. There are no soccer champions here."

Well, why shouldn't there be soccer champions here? Australia has produced champions in all kinds of sport — runners, swimmers, scullers, cricketers, cyclists, tennis players, drivers, riders, and jockeys. Australia has produced leaders in every kind of social, commercial, and industrial activity.

Then why can't Australia produce soccer champions. As in any other endeavour, it's only a question of putting one's mind to it — of adding the will to some natural talent.

LIMITATIONS IN "RULES"

The boy who wants to play Rules football will learn that its stars find the game glamourised only in the tiny State of Victoria.

Its rules expose him to heavy body contact and the bogey of serious injuries. It is quite usual for players to "gang-up" on star players with the express purpose of either putting them out of the game or intimidating them into weak play.

Apart from selection for interstate exhibitions, the Rules star cannot hope for extensive travel — the game is not recognised anywhere else in the world.

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There is little money in the game for the player, and unless he is a shrewd, sociable mixer, he is unlikely to make the right contacts that will win for him commercial and professional rewards such as those that have come to a tiny minority of well-known Rules stars — mainly having their names used as "fronts" in the hotel-keeping business.

WORLD TOUR FOR AUSSIES

It would pay the Australian or State soccer authorities handsomely to scout out natural soccer ability for the nucleus of a talented group of juniors.

These boys must be as dedicated to the goal of reaching world class as were Landy and Elliott, with a world tour the prize for those who reach top proficiency.

Selected at the age of 12, or thereabouts, carefully trained, coached, and tested for five or six years, it is not inconceivable that a youthful, world-class team could tour the world's soccer centres every year, winning publicity and acclaim for Australia, wealth for the sponsoring body, and a wonderful experience for the boys.

In addition, the outstanding stars of the touring teams would no doubt receive attractive offers from major clubs wherever they gave exhibitions —England, Scotland, Sweden, South America, Italy, Spain, Germany, the United States, or the Far East.

Even now, there are reasons why boys should prefer soccer if they are interested in football. Given a sponsored programme like the foregoing, the question — should Australian boys take up soccer? — need never again be asked.

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUES

The Junior Committee extends a cordial welcome to our visitors from Sydney, the Under 14 St. George Junior S.A. Representative XI. They play the first match of their tour today against Victoria as a curtain-raiser to the Wilhelmina v. Polonia State League game at Olympic Park.

Last season St. George entertained Victoria in Sydney, Victoria winning two and drawing one match, a very high standard of soccer being displayed by both teams. We trust our visitors will enjoy their stay in Victoria.

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VICTORIA (Blue)

I. Watson (Dandenong City); G. Mullens (Sunshine City), R. Caithness (Sunshine City); J. Middleton (Moorabbin City), B. D. Stacey (Box Hill), P. Kilvert (Brighton); A. Abonyi (St. Kilda), J. Rossetto (Essendon), W. Kilvert (Brighton), G. Hay (Brighton), R. G. Russell (Moorabbin City); reserves: T. Allsop (Essendon) and V. Winkler (Sunshine City); manager: Mr. H. Pritchard; coach: Mr. Len Young (V.A.S.F.A.); Liaison Officer: Mr. D. K. Creed.

The return game will be played on Monday, August 21, at South Melbourne ground, Middle Park (kick-off 3 p.m. On Tuesday, September 1, the St. George team will travel to Yallourn to play the Latrobe Valley J.S.A. Under 14 XI.

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Miller Cup Final (Under 16): Essendon) v. Sunshine City at Olympic Park.

The heavier built Sunshine City team quickly took command of the game and with Bill Vojtek, virtually a passenger for Essendon as a result of the close attention of centre-half Burton. City, after 22 minutes of the first half, were leading by two goals to nil, scored by Winkler and Leslie from right-wing centres from Magee. During the second half both teams attacked in turn but failed to add to the score.

Best for Sunshine City: Leslie, Magee, and Tarascio. For Essendon: Ryan, Creak, and Wills.

Mr. John Oliphant, of the Sunday International Committee, presented the pennants and the Miller Cup to Sunshine City after the game, and Stewart Culbard, Sunshine City captain, thanked Essendon team for a very sporting game.

JUNIOR TABLES

UNDER 12.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Olympia	16	16	0	0	32
South Melbourne	16	11	1	4	23
Brooklyn Hostel	16	11	0	5	22
Essendon	16	11	0	5	22
Sunshine City	16	9	2	5	20
Broadmeadows Hostel	16	7	3	6	17
Williamstown Hostel	16	5	2	9	12
Preston Hostel	16	3	2	11	8

UNDER 14 (NORTH).

FINAL TABLES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	14	13	0	1	26
Trident	14	11	1	2	23
Lions-Hayduk	14	8	1	5	17
Brooklyn Hostel	15	5	1	9	11
Maribyrnong Hostel	15	4	1	10	9

UNDER 14 (SOUTH).

FINAL TABLES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
St. Kilda	14	13	0	1	26
Brighton	14	10	0	4	20
Essendon	14	9	0	5	18
South Melbourne	14	7	0	7	14

UNDER 16 (NORTH).

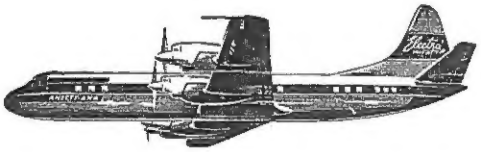
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	13	12	0	1	24
Essendon	13	11	1	1	23
Ajax	13	6	3	4	15
South Melbourne	13	6	3	4	15
Wesley College	13	5	3	5	13
South Yarra	13	5	2	5	12

UNDER 16 (SOUTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Dandenong City	13	12	0	1	24
Moorabbin City	13	11	1	1	23
Box Hill	13	8	0	5	16
Bayswater	13	6	2	5	14
Heidelberg	13	4	2	7	10
Croydon	13	4	1	8	9
Preston T.S.O.B.	13	4	0	9	8

UNDER 18.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	14	13	0	1	26
Box Hill	14	11	2	1	24
St. Kilda	14	7	4	3	18
Coburg United	15	6	3	6	15
Preston T.S.O.B.	14	5	2	7	12
Fairfield	13	3	2	8	8
Army Apprentices	13	2	2	9	6
Tullamarine United	6	0	0	6	0



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UNDER 12

Sunshine City v. Preston Hostel.
Olympia v. South Melbourne.
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Byes: Brooklyn Hostel and Essendon.

UNDER 14

(SEMI-FINALS — NORTH)
Lions-Hayduk v. Sunshine City, at South Melbourne.

(SEMI-FINAL — SOUTH)
Essendon v. Brighton, at St. Kilda ground.

UNDER 16 (NORTH)

South Yarra v. Sunshine City.

UNDER 16 (SOUTH)

Moorabbin City v. Croydon.
Dandenong City v. Heidelberg.

UNDER 18

CUP FINAL—AUGUST 30th
Box Hill v. St. Kilda, at Olympic Park.

SOCIAL EVENTS

With the close of the season approaching, many clubs are planning balls and socials. If clubs support other clubs' affairs, they can expect the return patronage that makes every date a happy success.

Friday, Sept. 4. — RICHMOND, annual social at licensed club rooms, 240 Victoria St., North Richmond, 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 4. — SUNSHINE CITY, annual Cabaret Ball, Sunshine Town Hall, 8.30 p.m. Reservations: Mrs. R. White, MM 2331.

Saturday, Sept. 5.—GEORGE CROSS, Malta National Day Ball, North Melbourne Town Hall, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12. — SANDRINGHAM, annual Cabaret Ball, Brighton Town Hall. Reservations: Geoff Dobb, XU 4307.

Friday, Sept. 18. — CROYDON, Supper Dance, Dorset Hall, Maroondah Highway, Croydon, 8 p.m. Only 5/-.

Sunday, Sept. 27. — Flinders Naval Depot, all-day picnic event, six-a-side soccer tournament, in aid of Alfred Hospital Appeal.

GLOBE's Bigger Coverage

To give our readers a stop-press review, we held this space and the last run of the press until Wednesday morning for a quick look at the mid-week "Sporting Globe's" new Soccer Round-Up, which was to coincide with the opening of the English league season.

In addition to Owen Howard's big story on the local scene, there is Pat Tennison's review of U.K. football, complete results and the six ladders of England and Scotland's top divisions, and Vernon's Pool results.

The "Globe's" Editor, Mr. Geoff Hawksley, is obviously a broadminded, practical man. The more soccer fans buy and read the "Globe," the more space he gives to soccer. That's the deal in the publishing business, and no one can ask for anything better than the way Mr. Hawkesley is treating soccer.

So it's up to you. If you want more soccer news, buy both the Wednesday and Saturday "Globes."

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Missing Migrant Sought

Jino Vacinovic, who arrived in Victoria recently on the "Fairsea," is sought by friends of his family.

It is understood that his trip here was sponsored by a soccer club, but he is no longer at the address supplied to his family.

If a reader can supply "Soccer News" his present address, it will be forwarded to the enquirers.

Juniors Suspended

The Junior Disciplinary Committee suspended Mr. Chudiak, Trident Under 14 team manager, for his action in removing his team from the field without the referee's permission on July 4.

The three Trident players, Jurczyszyn, Kugler, and Neutzer, who were alleged to be over-age, were suspended sine die. Trident failed to produce proof of date-of-birth of the players named.

TERRY HARTLEY will again appear at left full-back for England against Italy this Sunday.

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